to pay him Rs. 150000/- in lieu of his kidney. After a period of three days, Satish Kumar gave an advance of Rs. 20000/- to Mohd Nazim. After that Satish Kumar took him to Amritsar, where they met on Elqbal Mohd. One Dr. Sarin advised them to go to Prashant Nursing Home, Ranchi. After a period of two days, an operation was conducted at Prashant Nursing Home. After one week he came back to Delhi. Mohd. Nazim asked Satish and Kailash to pay the balance amount, but they refused to pay the balance amount and also abused him. Accused Satish Kumar S/o Madan Lal, R/o 194, Pilanji Village, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi was arrested in this case. The case is pending trial in court since 27.102006.

Female foeticide

†2036. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business of female foeticide has witnessed a rapid growth recently resulting a decline in sex ratio;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that no action is being taken against perpetrators of female foeticide due to lackadaisical attitude of the State Governments;

(c) if so, whether Government would taken any effective steps to stop it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Over the period from 1991—2001, the sex ratio in the country increased from 927 females per thousand males to 933 per 1000. However, during the same period the child sex ratio (0-6 years) has declined from 945 to 927.

(b) to (d) Total number of ongoing Court/Police cases filed under Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act are 415. 58 ultrasound machines were seized/sealed as on 01 March 2007. Though most of the cases are for non-registration of the Centre/Clinics, 58 cases

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

relate to determination and disclosure of the sex of the foetus in the State of Bihar (3), Haryana (17), Karnataka (1), Maharashtra (13), Punjab (17), Tamil Nadu (1), Uttaranchal (2) and Delhi (4). Recently a number of sting operations were carried out by various television channels in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. National Support and Monitoring Cell (NSMC) has been continuously monitoring the action taken report on the same. The States have filed Court cases/FIRs against the doctors in the cases.

In the State of Punjab, registration of a doctor has been suspended for five years by State Medical Council of Punjab. In Haryana, a doctor & his assistant in the district of Palwal were sentenced for simple imprisonment for a period of two years and to pay a fine of Rs. 5000/- each under PC & PNDT Act. In Delhi, two doctors were sent to jail for 24 hours after search/ seizure of their machine was done by District Appropriate Authority.

National Inspection and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) constituting representatives from National Commission for Women, Department of Women and Child Development, NGOs and Central Supervisory Board Members at the Centre takes stock of the ground realities by field visits to the States. The report is sent to the Chief Secretary of the State for taking action on the same. The States have also been requested to constitute State Inspection and Monitoring Committee (SIMC). The Government of Gujarat has already constituted it and the State of Delhi is in the process of constituting it.

Banning of advertisements on Colas

2037. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had initiated discussions with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to frame guidelines for banning soft drinks advertisements, especially in the electronic media;

(b) whether at present Coca-Cola and Pepsi spend about 150 crores a year on television commercials and the figure will be higher if print advertisements and sponsorships are taken into account;